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## *Monthly Thoughts*

BY CHARLES FILLMORE

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*Illumination:* Through the Spirit of truth within me, I know, see, hear, and speak only Truth.

*Prosperity:* The Spirit of truth quickens and increases my innate spiritual riches, and abundance appears in all my affairs.

*Healing:* I am strengthened and healed by the power of the Spirit in the inner man.

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## *Is This God's World?*

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"WHY DOESN'T God do something about it?" This oft-repeated query, uttered by the skeptical and unbelieving, is heard day in and day out. Imitating the skeptics, Christian believers everywhere are looking to God for all kinds of reforms in every department of manifest life and also are charging Him with death and destruction of the world over.

One who thinks logically and according to sound reason wonders at the contradictions set up by these various queries and desires.

Is God responsible for all that occurs on this earth, and if not all, how much of it?

The Bible states that God created the earth and all its creatures, and last of all man, to whom He gave dominion over everything. Observation and experience prove that man is gaining dominion over

nature wherever he applies himself to that end. But so much remains to be gained and he is so small physically that man counts himself a pygmy instead of the mental giant that he is.

All the real mastery that man attains in the world has its roots in his mind, and when he opens up the mental realm in his being there are no unattainables. If the conquests of the air achieved in the last quarter of a century had been prophesied the prophets would have been pronounced crazy. The fact is that no one thinking in the old mind realm can have any conception of the transformation of sound waves into electromagnetic waves and back again into words and messages of intelligence. Edison admitted that his discovery of the phonograph was an accident and that he never fully understood how mechanical vibrations could be recorded and be reproduced in all forms of intelligent communication.

Reasoning in terms of matter, no one can understand how words and music and pictures can be carried over long distances through space without conflict and then be reproduced by a mechanical device with perfection and accuracy.

Now that man has broken away from his limited visualizations and mentally grasped the unhampered ideas of the supermind, he is growing grandly bold and his technical pioneers are telling him that the achievements of yesterday are as nothing compared to those of tomorrow. For example, an article by Harland Manchester condensed in the Reader's Digest from Scientific American tells of the "microwaves" that are slated for a more spectacular career in the realm of the unbelievable than anything that

has preceded them in the realm of science.

This article describes in detail some of the marvels that will evolve out of the ultilization of microwaves, among which may be mentioned "private phone calls by the hundreds of thousands sent simultaneously over the same wave band without wires, poles, or cables. Towns where each citizen has his own radio frequency, over which he can get voice, music and television, and call any phone in the country by dialing. Complete abolition of static and interference from electrical devices and from other stations. A hundred times as much 'space on the air' as we now have in the commercial radio band. A high-definition and color television network to cover the country. And, perhaps most important of all, a nation-wide radar network, geared to television, to regulate all air traffic and furnish instantaneous visual weather reports to airfields throughout the land."

Add to this the marvels promised by the appliers of atomic energy and you have an array of miracles unequaled in all the bibles of the world.

It is admitted by those who are most familiar with the dynamic power of these newly discovered forces that we do not yet know how to protect our body cells from the destructiveness of their vibrations. Very thick concrete walls are required to protect those who experiment with atomic forces. One scientist says that the forces released from the bombs that were used on the Japanese cities in 1945 may affect those who were subjected to them and their descendants for a thousand years. Experimentation proves that we have tapped a kingdom that we do not know how to handle safely.

It is quite obvious that these forces, if they could be utilized, would vastly improve our standard of living and that they were planned for us by creative Mind. If we cannot control them, why did God allow us to discover them? And now that we are turning them loose in space all about us, what are we going to do about it? Also how do we reconcile this situation with the observation of the Psalmist:

"Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet."

The fact is that we have reached a point in race evolution where we are forced to give attention to the refinement of the body. Our religion has too long taught that the body is dust and ashes and that it is its destiny to die and be left to the worms. The deterioration of the body cells must be arrested and a new and more powerful life force injected into the physical organism. This is plainly part of the teaching of Jesus. He said, "I came that they may have life, and may have *it* abundantly." He told his followers that when they went to that upper room in Jerusalem they would receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit with power. The original Greek says that they would receive dynamic energy. All baptisms with Spirit impart vitalizing life to the recipient, and the joy of quickened vitality should be felt and retained as part of the physical regeneration.

The divine unction imparted by spiritual baptism also contains all the healing forces of X rays, ultraviolet rays, sunshine, and in fact all the radiant restorative forces now so widely used as healing agents. But the energy imparted by Spirit is so tempered that

it never injures but always heals. That this is not true of the shocks given by mechanical generators is evidenced by the scars they often leave. A prayer treatment by an experienced spiritual healer is a baptism, with power proportioned to the spiritual understanding of the healer. The lowest method of imparting spiritual baptism is by the laying on of hands and prayer. The highest is realizing the Holy Spirit presence and its expression through the power of the word. Jesus began His ministry by doing the former but at the end He sent His word and healed by means of it.

God created the fundamental ideas culminating in the idea of ideal man. This ideal man has power to mold God's creation into any manifestation he may choose. If he consults the Father and projects his thoughts in accordance with the law, perfect manifestation follows. As Jesus said, "My Father worketh even until now, and I work."

One who understands this relation of man to his creator can assert with confidence that this is man's world and always will be. By right thinking man can have the co-operation of God in producing manifestations and thereby can set up the kingdom of God in the earth; or he can ignore God and attempt to form a world and govern it without divine aid. We are now living in a civilization dominated by human thought, and confusion is the result.

How many ages and aeons have passed since man lost contact with God no one can tell. We have about six thousand years of history and no heavenly conditions are recorded. Caves and sand drifts reveal the remains of man in combat with gorilla for half a mil-

lion years, with man himself sunk almost to the level of the monkey. When man dropped out of the ethers and became one of the primates mortal understanding has not yet discerned, but the distortions in the earth and all nature bear evidence of a terrible shock.

We know that our home is not altogether on the earth but also in the air, over which we must gain dominion before we can have a fit dwelling place. We are now gaining this dominion by mechanical means. This will be followed by the development of a human organism that, unified with Spirit, will transport us everywhere in air and on earth.

The great and most important issue before the people today is the development of man's spiritual mind and through it unity with God. There seem to be things in more immediate need of being done to alleviate present conditions, but the taproot of all this confusion is our failure to use our minds intelligently. We can only think as God would have us think by adjusting our thoughts to divine ideas. Religion and all that it implies in prayer and recognition of God in idea and manifestation is the one and only way out of the chaos in which we find ourselves. We must therefore begin at once to develop this unity with the Father mind by incorporating divine ideas into all that we think and speak.

*Time is of no account with great thoughts, which are as fresh today as when they first passed through their author's minds, ages ago.*—SAMUEL SMILES

# Hidden Treasure

NENA L. HART

SOMETIMES we so admire the noble traits of character of other people that we overlook the things in ourselves that are equally worthy of our attention. We look up to someone who seems to be more spiritually accomplished than we are. In our secret heart we believe he must have some profound means of communication with God that is not available to us. We glance at the familiar, prosaic pattern of ourselves and we sigh, vaguely wishing that someday we might be more like him. We have put God in a special place of reverence, yet we do not feel that we are spiritually advanced enough to ask Him to share our common, everyday lives. Perhaps if we were to honestly appraise ourselves, we would find hidden treasure in our talents and abilities.

All men have free, open access to their loving Father at all times. It is up to each individual to find the particular, specific way that happens to suit his own personal needs. The way is open, the access free. It only needs to be found and used.

There are two wonderful, taken-for-granted talents that we use every day but which we usually overlook when it comes to spiritual things. These two well-known talents are common sense and adaptability.

Webster gives the meaning of common sense as "Sound, ordinary sense; good judgment." It is often

referred to in our picturesque American slang as "horse sense," which Webster says means "Practical common sense." Thus we see that what we generally term common sense has to do with good, sound judgment expressed in practical, ordinary ways. It is a logical type of reasoning about something that is familiar.

Every person exercises this useful faculty every day. The man or woman in business, the wife in the management of her home, and the laborer in his job all use this dependable faculty. We use it so much with mundane, material things that we do not usually connect it with God.

If common sense is one of our attributes, can we not say that it is also one of God's? God works in common sense ways; therefore, we need not hesitate to approach Him in like manner, realizing that He will respond in the same fashion. Who shall say that He does not often choose to speak to us through the medium of our own common sense and good judgment, guiding us safely and securely? It is not the particular type of approach we take to God which glorifies Him. He glorifies our approach, humble, plain, and everyday though it may be. To Him it is a most acceptable approach when we offer it in the true spirit of prayer. Let us not hesitate to think of God in practical, common sense ways. Sometimes we unconsciously link God with something mysterious, far removed from our everyday surroundings. He dwells in mystical realms beyond the range of the limited human thought. He also dwells everywhere and He is always with us in our familiar everyday environment. He can make Himself known

to us in mysterious ways, or He can make Himself known to us in simple ways that we can readily understand. God does not limit Himself, although men sometimes seem to limit Him. He can be found by whatever means we may choose if we are sincere about finding Him.

There are many ways by which God communicates with man. It may be through a mystical inner voice—it was thus He spoke to the boy Samuel in the temple—or by visions and dreams like those of the ancient prophets and seers. It may be by a sudden inner knowing, a flash of light across the consciousness, or even by hearing distinct words in the silence of prayer. With all these ways let us not overlook the channel of our own common sense through which God makes His presence and power known to us.

When Jesus taught the crowds constantly following Him, He did not speak to them in long, pedantic discourses. He did not tell them they had to be very learned and spiritually wise to find God or to know His blessings. No! He talked to these plain townspeople, fishermen, shepherds, and farmers in their own everyday, familiar terms. He told them stories that appealed to their common sense. The parables He used to illustrate His teachings were about things common to them, not about things unknown to them.

Begin to use your wonderful talent for common sense. Use it prayerfully and awarely. Take time to bless it. Take time to be conscious of the down-to-earth, good judgment that is yours to use many times a day. It is one of your talents. It is a

treasure that will pay rich dividends.

Another talent we often overlook in our spiritual search is adaptability. Webster says that to adapt means "To make suitable; to fit, or suit; to adjust."

We sometimes think of God and His perfection as being something static, fixed, and unchanging. God is as First Cause, the Creator, the all-encompassing law. As the eternal sustainer of His creation we can know Him as something quite different. As God nourishes His universe there is a continual activity, radiation, and pulsation of life. Light is a series of waves and rays. Sound is a series of waves. Planets revolve around suns as atoms revolve around their nuclei. Stars twinkle. Fire burns. Rivers flow to the sea. A child or a plant grow moment by moment even though the growth is unseen. The vital principle of life that is God is continually at work in all creation. He replaces with newness, freshness, vitality, and beauty that which is outgrown, useless, and outmoded. God maintains all this activity in perfect balance at all times, in the right relationship. All creation is continually nourished and sustained by the one life and the one substance. Nothing ever dies; it only changes form. Death as a finality has no place in God's plan. Divine adaptability again reveals itself as a natural, integral part of the organic and mental processes of all creation.

This never-ending process of creation and of renewal goes on continuously within our own minds and bodies as well as in the world about us. Nothing is impossible for us if we play an active part by consciously linking ourselves to our natural talent of adaptability!

In his development man has met many obstacles. Through his natural talent he has adapted himself to the varying conditions until he could surmount them. We have used this faculty many times in the past and we use it daily in adjusting to the people and the conditions around us. In times of stress we may forget our talent for adaptability, tending to think of ourselves as rigid, unyielding beings who are forever subject to conditions that are just as fixed and unyielding.

This is not true. We are flexible, pliable beings, unfolding and growing into our divine purpose. What worries us today will not worry us as much tomorrow because of the faculty of adaptability. What causes us to fail today will not cause us to fail tomorrow. By adapting ourselves we can grow in wisdom and strength until we gain victory. If there is a condition of health that we wish changed, we do not become impatient, but we adapt ourselves to that which we know is God's perfect will. Day by day we grow into His likeness.

Often when we pray for something, we secretly think that God should change things for us. We look for a big show of God's power just as did Naaman, the proud captain of the Syrian hosts, when he came to the kind prophet Elisha to be healed of leprosy.

The account in the 5th chapter of II Kings is as follows: "So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt

be clean. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, he will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of Jehovah his God, and wave his hand over the place, and recover the leper. Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Then went he down, and dipped *himself* seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."

There is much to be learned from this wonderful story. There is a part of Naaman in all of us. Sometimes we are eager to do a great and mighty thing for God, or we expect a big display of God's power and authority, but when we are asked to do some little thing we balk. It does not seem important or complicated enough.

What do you suppose Naaman was thinking as he went through the simple, everyday act of cleansing himself in the free-flowing waters of the Jordan? He probably started out grudgingly, only half-willing to believe in the simple advice of the prophet. Each time he dipped himself in the clear, sweet water he was adapting himself; each time he was adjusting his own consciousness a little more to the established truth of his own healing. Elisha had

decreed for Naaman that which already was, the wholeness and health which is the only reality God has for all His children.

This is what adaptability is in essence, adapting and adjusting our confused thoughts to the serene Mind of God. The one Mind beholds only wholeness, completeness, and fulfillment. Naaman was doing something he had to do for himself, something God could not do for him. He was cleansing his consciousness of the belief in sickness, bringing it into alignment with the wholeness and health that was in God-Mind for him. He had to dip himself seven times. Each time he cleansed and adapted himself a little more, until the result was cumulative in health and wholeness.

Although God with His power can change instantly an unwanted condition, sometimes we earn a greater blessing if we use our natural trait of adaptability to conquer our problems. When we peacefully and prayerfully adapt ourselves to a situation, we have the opportunity of strengthening in ourselves the other important qualities of patience, understanding, and trust in God.

Jesus had this faculty of adaptability in mind when He said, "Agree with thine adversary quickly." Paul says, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." There is a working level of activity in which all things adjust harmoniously one to another. This working level of activity is not our human limited concept of it, but God's all-encompassing one. Do not waste time and strength in fighting, resisting, or in wanting to run away. Become quiet. Think of yourself as adapting for the

moment to that which troubles you. You are like a stream of clear water freely flowing over the rocks in its path. Think of yourself as being flexible, not rigid and unyielding. A rod of glass will break when pressure is exerted against it, but the twig of a tree will not. The twig will bend with the pressure, but when the pressure is released it will spring back into place. You are like that.

To become quiet and adapt yourself to your problem is half the battle. When you become quiet, your good judgment, strength, and courage have a chance to come forward and to go into action. When you pause to regroup your forces you are able to work efficiently with God in bringing about a change. When you work with God all things are possible. You who have been running away in discouragement or fear will now turn around, coolly face your problems, and stand shoulder to shoulder with God.

When even in the smallest measure we can stand off from our troubles and face them impersonally, we are shaping our victory. At that moment it becomes assured. Would not our problems be solved if we could, in this quiet, adaptable way, combat everything that seems to defeat us?

God has given us power and authority. When we use these two valuable traits of common sense and adaptability along spiritual lines, we are well on the way to exercising the power and authority in all that concerns us.

*I will trust, and will not be afraid.*—ISAIAH

# The Way of Truth and Life

GEORGIANA TREE WEST

EVERY EARNEST SEEKER of Truth can see in the parable of the prodigal son a striking illustration of his own spiritual progress. Like the prodigal, he finds that the husks of worldly living bear within them no real nourishment that can bring to him peace and joy. In his restlessness and unhappiness he turns away from the path that he has been following and humbly seeks God's guidance into ways that lead him to inner satisfaction and a greater joy in living.

As he accepts the leadership of Jesus Christ along the new way he is following he begins to understand that he can have as much or as little of God's limitless bounty as he is capable of accepting with faith. He does not have to be like the son in the parable who stayed in the father's house as a discontented and unhappy servant; he realizes that he is truly an heir to the kingdom, joint heir with Jesus. The words of the father in the parable are true for him. "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that is mine is thine."

Every heritage has to be claimed before it can be used. In the Unity textbook, *Lessons in Truth*, H. Emilie Cady follows Jesus' teaching in showing the earnest seeker how to claim and use his divine heritage. Jesus defined God as "Spirit," an invisible, living intelligence—Divine Mind with limitless creative power that brought forth and sustains this

entire universe. He then assured us that we are all children of God and one with Him in God. "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be perfected into one." Knowing our oneness with God, we feel the rich blessing in that often repeated statement, "Wherever you are, God is." In a time of need it strengthens our faith and helps both ourselves and our loved ones.

I was so thankful for that help one summer when my daughter and little grandson left Maine early on a bright sunny morning. In a few hours the radio began to tell of torrential rains and devastating floods in the wake of a hurricane in districts through which they would have to travel. Although I had received no word from them by midnight, I had a peaceful night's rest because of the deep-seated feeling that they were in God's protecting care wherever they might be.

When my daughter succeeded in getting in touch with me I learned that because of the blinding rain that brought water over the hubcaps of the wheels of the car, she had changed her route. She managed to reach the home of relatives, where she stayed until the roads were passable again. I felt a deep thankfulness when she said, "I couldn't reach you by telephone or telegram but I knew you wouldn't worry because of your faith in God's presence with us."

A sustained faith in God's presence and power can only be attained through a conscientious effort to cast out fear and to refuse to entertain thoughts that are unworthy and untrue to God's good will. In *Lessons in Truth* we learn that the mind that is dis-

ciplined to repudiate the negative and the destructive soon becomes more receptive and obedient to divine guidance and is better able to see and affirm the Truth in any situation.

Emerson said, "Being is the vast affirmative." When we follow Paul's admonition to think on those things that are good and true, we are on God's side —the affirmative side. We are benefited by His guidance; we are sustained by His power almighty. Constructive thinking—thoughts of God and goodness —always deepen faith; and Jesus' promise to the blind whom He healed is true for us also, "According to your faith be it done unto you."

Faith is a creative force in mind. What it creates depends on where it is directed. If we direct it toward fears and false beliefs, we soon find, like Job, that the thing we feared has come upon us.

Jesus gave us a striking example of the right and wrong use of faith during a storm on the Sea of Galilee. His apostles were frantic with fear, yet Jesus slept peacefully. After they had awakened Him and He had quieted the elements, He said to them, "Why are ye fearful? have ye not yet faith?"

It was evident that their faith had been in the power of the worldly elements to harm them rather than in the power of God to help them. Too often we place our faith in the power of the stormy elements of human minds to wreck our lives. Instead, we should place our faith in the loving wisdom and power of God to carry us safely through turbulent conditions. Our difficulties with one another are largely due to our failure to obey Jesus' instruction that every man should love his neighbor as himself.

A minister of the gospel once told me that he did not consider Christianity practical. He said Jesus gave us a set of ideals to strive for, but we are not yet capable of making practical application of them in our daily lives. He cited the foregoing instruction as an example. He said that no man could love a neighbor who was dishonest, cruel, and immoral. What this minister failed to understand was that the evil he saw was only the outer man, the personality with which his neighbor had clothed himself through using the creative power of his mind to generate evil and destructive thoughts. To obey Jesus he needed to look through this undesirable personality and have faith in the Christ spirit that quickened his neighbor and made him a living man. He could love the radiant individual hidden deep within his neighbor. If he truly loved God, he would love His spirit within every man. Out of this love would be bred an understanding and compassion that would enable him to help his neighbor in unseen, prayerful ways. We are not required to love what our neighbor says and does, but we are required to forgive his errors and to love and have faith in his spiritual self. *Lessons in Truth* helps us to do this.

Only when we are able to feel our own spiritual nature, our Christ self, are we able to have faith in the Christ in others, for the things of the spirit can only be known spiritually. In studying *Lessons in Truth* we begin to understand that God made us in His own image when He imbued us with a living intelligence and unlimited creative power. This is the Christ Spirit that quickens, animates, and makes us living sons of God. This is the real self, the image

of God to which Jesus referred when He said, "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth."

Our purpose of existence is to become increasingly conscious of this spiritual power within us which Paul called "Christ in you, the hope of glory." The study of *Lessons in Truth* helps us to develop this consciousness and increases our faith in the divinity of others. In any differences of opinion we are better able to feel that "Spirit with Spirit can meet" and that all things are adjusted according to God's will. A wonderful sense of freedom from emotional stress comes when, in the face of any injustice or antagonism, we are able to say with assurance, "I accept only the action of your Christ spirit working with my Christ spirit for the good of us both."

It is through meditation and prayer that we become better acquainted with our heavenly Father—our Elder Brother—and our own indwelling Christ. It has been wisely said that prayer is food for the soul and is as necessary to our spiritual nourishment as food is to the nourishment of our bodies. Many persons do not know how to nourish the soul with prayer. They only pray when they are in difficulty and want to beg God's help. There is little if any soul nourishment in this kind of prayer. Those who grow in spiritual stature and in the use of spiritual power make a practice of daily prayer. They follow Jesus' instruction to pray in secret, to go apart, shut out the world, and let their thoughts dwell on God and His goodness.

As we make a daily practice of such prayer and meditation we find a "secret place" within ourselves

where we feel the peace and inspiration of our own divinity, the Christ Spirit through which God works to will and to do what he wishes us to do. As our thoughts become filled with God and God's goodness, we reach a stage where we are no longer thinking but feeling God's presence. This is the true silence. When we have experienced it even for a few fleeting moments, we are filled with a wonderful sense of well-being as we go about our daily tasks. We are more receptive and obedient to divine guidance. With a mind quiet and poised in faith, we are able to meet whatever difficulties the day may bring.

Through meditation and prayer we grow in spiritual power; and we naturally rejoice in our ability to become more and more successful. It is then we need to remember that our abilities are gifts of God that follow in the wake of spiritual development. If in our eagerness to make demonstrations we allow them to become uppermost in mind, we soon find that we have checked the flow of spiritual power and are no longer able to demonstrate the good things of life which we desire so earnestly. We need to realize that these things are of secondary importance; they come after that which is of primary importance—spiritual understanding. This understanding is, as our Scriptures tell us,

"More precious than rubies:
And none of the things thou canst desire are to be compared unto her."

As we learn to surrender our personal will to God's will for us we begin to fulfill the purpose for which He created us, to become instruments of His

thought, and organs of His activity in bringing to pass His good will here on earth. Only through us can God get His love into circulation. Only through us can His wisdom be revealed. Only through us and our good works can He bring His children who are still wandering in the darkness of ignorance into the light of understanding.

To fulfill His purpose we must first come into the light ourselves and realize that our greatest good lies in our complete surrender to Him. This is what the study of *Lessons in Truth* helps us to do. It leads us finally into an acceptance of the high note that Jesus sounded when He said, "Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

## The Perfect Law

*The law of Jehovah is perfect, restoring the soul:*
*The testimony of Jehovah is sure, making wise the simple.*
*The precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart:*
*The commandment of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes.*
*The fear of Jehovah is clean, enduring for ever:*
*The ordinances of Jehovah are true, and righteous altogether.*
*More desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold.*
*Sweeter also than honey and the droppings of the honey comb.*

—PSALMS

# Joy

RUTH BARRICK GOLDEN

AS THE HEAVENS on a clear night are studded with twinkling stars, so the Scriptures sparkle with the dancing light of such words as "joy," "gladness," and "rejoice." Throughout the Bible such phrases as, "Sing unto Jehovah," and "Shout for joy" shine from its pages. The word "gloominess" appears just twice in the entire Bible, while "joy" is repeated many times, and its associated words "joyful" and "joyfully" are repeated over and over in rhythmic splendor. It is certain that man was meant to be a joyous creature—a glorious son of God, endowed with beauty, health, and perfection.

"For thou hast made him but little lower than God,
And crownest him with glory and honor.
Thou makest him to have dominion over the works
of thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet."

Thus the Psalmist describes man's status and glory.

Man was not created to be a gloomy and frustrated being. But Satan—error, sensation, or whatever you may choose to call the source of our departure from the Creator's pattern of perfection—has tricked man into ways of fear and disbelief, thus robbing him of his divine birthright. The result is sin and sorrow. There is, praise God, a remedy for this. For every negative, there is a positive; for every cloud of error, the sunlight of Truth. Divine son-

ship is our heritage. No matter how closely bound by the chains of fear and doubt, or how bowed down by ill health or despair we may be, the way to freedom, joy, and radiant health is clearly set before us.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me," said Jesus. He not only showed us the way, He is the way. "I and the Father are one," He explained, making clear the mystery that had been hidden. "I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." This is the secret of reunion, of peace, power, and happiness, of all the good intended for our well-being from the beginning: oneness with Him.

Unhappiness, or a sense of lack or sickness cannot enter your mind or heart when you accept your oneness with God. But how find this oneness? First of all, through faith, obedience, and love; through casting out every destructive thought or emotion that would permit doubt to enter your mind and thus separate you in consciousness from Him. Through thinking joyous thoughts, we achieve relaxation of body, a mind free of fear, and an inner confidence and power are established. "Now are we children of God."

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Accept this promise. Accept the full measure of joy that is your birthright as a child of God.

"But how can I be joyous," one may ask, "when I am sick in body, when my business is going to ruin, or when grief overwhelms me? How can I find joy or peace?"

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy," Paul wrote to the Romans. There is indeed hope of joy for all, regardless of appearances. Arise and claim your birthright.

"A cheerful heart is a good medicine," we read in Proverbs. Truth teachers have long known the value of joy and laughter in opening up the wells of healing and peace.

A dynamic and successful business man told me how these healing agents had worked for him.

"I was on the verge of a nervous collapse," he said. "I had lost my wife and my only son, and my business was at the point of failure.

"I was a wreck from worry and grief," he said. "I couldn't sleep, couldn't eat, couldn't even think straight. At the sanatorium where I was sent, it was suggested that I devote daily periods to quiet meditation and that I try to visualize some spot where I had known contentment and joy—perhaps a tranquil lake or rippling stream.

"In doing this my mind went back in memory to a small shaded stream on my father's farm where, on hot summer days in boyhood, I used to fish and swim. I visualized a favorite pool beside an abandoned bridge and by concentrating on that picture I was able to relax. At last a sense of peace such as I had known in that carefree long-ago came into my heart."

A radiant smile—not of reminiscent regret for lost youth, but of genuine joy—lighted up his eyes as he continued:

"It was like a miracle the way that cloud of hopeless grief and worry lifted as I basked in the

memory of that scene and other boyhood joys. Perhaps my reading the 23d Psalm several times a day had something to do with it. At any rate, I could actually feel the moist cool clay of that creek bank beneath my bare feet. I could feel the pull and the thrill as the brown cork on my line bobbed up and down, then darted beneath the foam-covered depths beside the driftwood where the shiners played and were sometimes hooked!

"There was indeed rest and healing power in the memory of that enchanted time when I was so carefree and happy in the security of my father's home and love, for I was presently able to transfer to my heavenly Father something of the same faith and trust, and I was healed. It was as if I had been born again or, like the prodigal son, had wandered away and now was home again.

"I went back to my work relaxed and with a wonderful sense of confidence and power that I have never lost."

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," said Jesus. His teachings are the living principles of Truth, and to follow them, to follow Him is the only way to peace and life and joy. "The kingdom of God is . . . peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

In the beautiful vine-and-branch discourse recorded in the 15th chapter of The Gospel According to John, Jesus explains the blessings of man's union with the true source of all love and joy and peace. And in Galatians, Paul describes the fruits of the Spirit as love, joy, and peace through union with God in Christ. Joy and peace are linked as fruits

of the Spirit. We cannot bear these blessed fruits unless the life of Spirit is flowing through our hearts, any more than the branch can bear grapes when it is choked off from the main vine. "For apart from me ye can do nothing."

In grief, worry, resentment, unforgiveness, or lack of faith is blocking our union with our Lord, let us put the unholy thoughts aside and release every petty or destructive thought that would separate us from Him. "My soul shall be joyful in my God." "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."

Rest, dear one! Forgive! Shout for joy and sing His praise! Keep your heart in tune with the infinite. Let the words and teachings of your indwelling Lord lead you into perfect love, that His joy may be in you, "and *that* your joy may be made full."

"The joy of the LORD is your strength."

## FREE WILL

The sweet persuasion of His voice
Respects thy sanctity of will.
He giveth day: thou hast thy choice
To walk in darkness still;

As one who, turning from the light,
Watches his own gray shadow fall,
Doubting, upon his path of night,
If there be day at all!

—*Whittier*

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JUST BEFORE Lessons in Truth Week several years ago many negative appearances presented themselves to me as walls between me and my good. A loved one had passed on. There were increased demands upon my physical being. There were more demands than it seemed possible for me to handle. Spiritual demands for inspiration and upliftment for others came at a time when my own inner assurance and steadiness seemingly had been drained dry.

Even though I knew that my desire and expectancy were needful partners to the receiving of blessings during the coming week of spiritual study, it seemed as though there was an emptiness of feeling throughout my mind and heart.

One morning as I became still for a few moments of prayer, I was moved to open the copy *Lessons in Truth* on my desk. I paged through it slowly until my eyes were held by the words, *"There is but one Source of being. This Source is the living fountain of all good, be it life, love, wisdom, power—the giver of all good gifts. This Source and you are connected, every moment of your existence. You have power to draw on this Source for all of good you are, or ever will be, capable of desiring."*

As I reread these words they seemed to hold a new meaning of importance for me. Dozens of times I had read them before; I knew their contents were

a spiritual reality of Truth. In this particular moment, however, the sentences seemed to shout their message, leaving an indelible imprint on my consciousness.

With deep thankfulness I put aside the book for a moment to quietly contemplate this familiar but new spiritual idea, the idea that I am and ever will be connected with the living fountain of all good. I contemplated the idea that regardless of whatever I may desire, I am already connected with it and it constantly flows through me to fulfill the boundless longings of my heart.

Then as I again read the words aloud, a great light seemed to fill my mind, to dispel every cloud of doubt, every hint of questioning. A deep joy arose as I thought, "In the very midst of all outer despair I am still connected with the living fountain of faith, life, and happiness. That God-ordained connection is indestructible, unchangeable, and eternally established. It is a divine principle that cannot be altered. It is an inviolable law, a law that cannot be broken. I am now and forevermore will be connected with God, and God is connected with me. 'I and the Father are one.' "

Throughout the week that followed, the thought of that indissoluble, perfect, and eternal union between the one Source and my own being remained uppermost. Time and again the words came back to me, *"There is but one Source of being. This Source is the living fountain of all good . . . This Source and you are connected, every moment of your existence. You have power to draw on this Source for all of good you are . . . capable of desiring."*

As the new demands of upliftment presented themselves, I repeated quietly but firmly in faith, *"The one Source, the living fountainhead of joy, is within me. I am connected with it every moment of my existence. I have power to draw on it now for all the joy I desire."*

Demands for additional inspiration, strength, serenity, and supply of material substance were all met as they were presented during my period of *Lessons in Truth* study that followed. In each case a moment of turning aside from the negative appearance to again acknowledge the Source, the living fountain to which I was ever connected, brought an abundance of all the good that I desired.

Several times it brought a higher spiritual illumination for my classwork preparation. In some instances it brought to me an inner spirit of peace and light that I never before had known. In other instances it brought me material gifts beyond my anticipation. New friendships, new experiences, new pleasures, and surprises filled my week. A new understanding, a new awareness of the nearness and goodness of God filled my heart.

More than ever I realized the deep meaning of the beloved Teacher's words to the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, "whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life."

This "well of water," this living refreshment of Spirit, never runs dry but flows freely, eternally, and impartially through all who are willing simply to receive. It is not something separate or apart from

man that enters him from without. It is "in him a well of water" arising from the wellsprings of his own heart. The moment that we acknowledge its presence within us, that moment we touch it and become aware of its power in mind, body, and affairs.

If your need at this moment is for happiness, realize now that the source of joy is a living wellspring of joy already within you. You have the power to draw upon this source now for all the happiness that you desire to express. You should realize that you are connected with this source every moment of your existence. Become still and drink from the innermost depths of your being, from the living well of water, the eternal spiritual joy that is your divine birthright.

Repeat to yourself slowly, quietly, and in faith: *"There is but one source. This Source is the living fountain of spiritual joy within me. This Source and I are connected and are eternally unified, every moment of my existence. I have power to draw on this Source now for all the joy I can desire."*

Remind yourself that your joy is not dependent on outer persons, circumstances, or situations. In the midst of every trying experience you are connected with the one Source. The moment that you turn within, in prayer, you will become aware of its presence, power, and activity within you.

If your desire is for wholeness, realize that God, the one Source, is the living fountain of pure life within you. Realize that you are connected with this Source every minute of your existence and that you have power to draw on this Source at any time for all the vitality, strength, and perfection that you de-

sire to express. Accept this truth! You are eternally connected with this Source every moment of your existence!

No matter what may be your heart's desire, remember the fulfillment of that desire arises from the one Source. Remember that within you is the fountain of spiritual refreshment, of divine renewal! Remember that you have the authority and the power to receive from this fountain all the unlimited good you desire.

If you feel that you have tried to know and understand these truths but have not succeeded, remember that you cannot force Spirit into channels that are narrowed through doubt, disbelief, and impatience. Instead, "be not anxious;" but wait and trust in the assurance that nothing can hinder the activity of Spirit's own perfect way.

In a moment that you are perhaps least aware of its nearness, the flood of Spirit's love, life, and inspiration will come to you. Because a way has been opened for freedom of action through your consciousness, this flow will come as abundantly, freely, and powerfully as water flowing from an artesian well.

Within you is the fountain of spiritual refreshment, of divine renewal for every need of your mind, body, and affairs. The Source and you are one! Nothing in all the universe can separate you from that Source. "Neither . . . things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature." God and you are connected every moment of your existence, for you live in God and God lives in you!

Lessons in Truth Week can be to you, as it is to me each year, a period of deep spiritual blessing. It can be days of joyous study that lengthen into the months of prolific harvesting. Enter into this spiritual feast with the understanding that God is awaiting your acceptance of the good that He has already prepared for you! Accept it! Take it!

Turn to the one Source every day and you will realize that you are connected with it every moment of your existence and that you have the power to draw on it for all good that you are capable of desiring. The Father's gifts to you exceed the farthest reaches of your own longings.

Come to the one Source—Spirit abiding within you! This is the promise: "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely," without limit, without hesitation, without ceasing.

*I have perfect faith that God the good will care for me and protect me.*

*I believe in myself as positively good and true.*

*I am on the alert and active in thinking and carrying out good.*

*I am alive in Christ.*

*I rest in the assurance that God is my loving Father.*

*I deny mental inertia. My brain cannot tire when I think right.*

*I now put away all thoughts of worry and discord and rest in the joy of the Lord.*

# God's Greatest Gift

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ONE DAY RECENTLY I had lunch with Ann Bryan. I always enjoy visiting in Ann's home, for there is a glow about it that portrays so perfectly her own personality.

She lives in a small white cottage trimmed with yellow. There are red geraniums in red pots on yellow shelves outside the windows, and ivy climbs the porch trellis. In borders around the house more geraniums, interspersed with clumps of golden-hearted calla lilies and yellow marguerites, mix their gay colors in luxuriant abandon.

Inside, the house is furnished with simple, easy-to-keep furniture, colorful, gay yellow and red drapes, and deep comfortable chairs. It has the same charm as the flowers outside have and all who enter are aware of a feeling of warmth and welcome. One knows that the owner expresses her being in lavish giving of herself just as do the flowers.

Several months ago when I first met Ann I was strongly attracted to her. In no way can she be considered beautiful according to modern standards: she is small, a bit plump, with shining brown eyes and straight, glistening brown hair. She is quiet-mannered, poised, and sure of herself, with an inner glow that makes her stand out in any gathering, even in the group of smartly dressed civic-minded women with whom we were working at the time on a much needed community project.

At a round-table meeting we were discussing the territory that each of us should solicit. Ann quietly stated that she would like a certain territory. We were all surprised, for this district is known to be a tough one—the people in it never give anything to any kind of charitable drive. The solicitor is always met with a gruff "No" or a slammed door. Ann had only lived in the town for a short while, so the chairman of the committee said, "Mrs. Bryan, that territory is a hard one, and since you are a new worker perhaps you better take an easier one."

Ann smiled: "Within themselves all people are the same whatever the territory they live in. And I'd prefer that district if you'll give it to me."

"I'll be more than glad to give it to you," the chairman replied. "I'd wondered who I could ask to solicit such an unco-operative territory. But don't be too disappointed if you get little or no response."

At the time I had a very distinct feeling that Ann Bryan with her deep insight that "within themselves all people are the same," and with that glow about her, would succeed where others had failed.

This proved to be true. When our lists were turned in, most of us had some blanks and many very small donations. Ann's list had not a single blank; and what was more surprising, many contributions were generous.

In amazement the chairman asked, "What magic did you use to accomplish this miracle?"

Ann replied simply, "I only appealed to the spirit within them."

The chairman's expression was as blank as the spaces on our lists.

Although Ann is much younger than I, we had become good friends. On numerous occasions I had asked her to lunch and she in turn asked me. But we had never discussed our religious beliefs until a day shortly after the solicitation incident until I again had lunch with her in her colorful, charming little home.

The lunch itself was indicative of Ann's understanding of people and appeal to them. "Since both of us are from the South, I think you will like our lunch," she said.

I did! I had a baked yam which was sugary and rich in its wrinkled brown skin, a wilted lettuce salad, cornbread squares with black-eyed peas seasoned just right, and a slice of deep-dish apple pie spiced generously with cinnamon.

The house had the rich, redolent odor of cooking that I always associated with my childhood home in Louisiana. In such an atmosphere it was only natural that we began to talk of the ways of the South, and then about our girlhood aims and fears of the life that lay before us at the time. Ann said:

"My, what a confused time it was for me. Everything seemed so complicated and out of my control, yet when I found the answer to life—I mean a happy life and one that gives happiness—it was simplicity itself."

"You must have found the answer when you were quite young," I replied. "I was as old as you are now when I finally awakened to my own being, and it took a severe illness to wake me."

"Yes. And I am thankful that I was one of those fortunate ones who was hired by the 'house-

holder . . . early in the morning' of my life. I have had the pleasure of working with the Christ Spirit within me so much longer than those who were hired later in the day, and that work has been a joy to me every moment of each day."

"I understand that fully," I answered, "for I missed many years of real happiness until I became aware of the Christ Spirit within me and within all humanity. But God in His goodness pays to each of us in the same precious coin at whatever time of life one accepts the simple teachings of Jesus."

"But the answer wasn't easy for me to find either," she admitted.

"Please tell me about it," I said. "I'm always so interested in the many ways God has for opening the door to His way."

She arose from the table, stacked the dishes, and took them to the kitchen. Then she poured our coffee. "Let's take it to the living room," she suggested. "We'll be more comfy there."

With our coffee at hand, we sat in deep easy chairs. "I'll love to tell you how I found the answer to a happy life," Ann began. "It was unexpected and quite wonderful. I'd always been interested in the Bible, for from my earliest memory my parents had read child Bible stories to me. Later I read them for myself until I was old enough to own a Bible of my own and read it. I liked to go to Sunday school and I always studied the lessons conscientiously. Although I enjoyed the stories and enjoyed studying and reading the Bible, none of it seemed to apply to me personally. It was all about the lives of other people; and as far as I was concerned, it was all a

mystery. I sincerely wanted to be a Christian and follow the teachings of Jesus. I wanted to live my life the way He would want me to. But I was a normal girl. I liked to have fun and have nice things and it seemed to me then that to follow Jesus I had to give these things up. Though I was never greedy for material things, still I wanted to be comfortable. I had read time and again, 'Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.' Where was the kingdom of God? Jesus said it was 'within you.' Too, it is written, 'Christ in you, the hope of glory.' What was the Spirit of Christ? How could I find it? I was never a cruel person, but I was often critical and had unkind thoughts toward others even though I didn't often voice them."

"But," I protested, "you have never said or seemingly thought a critical or unkind word in the months I have known you."

"Well, I used to have plenty, and they made me very unhappy. Many nights I'd read my Bible and lie awake thinking, 'How can I apply the kind and tolerant teachings of Jesus to my own life?' and I'd make resolutions to change my thoughts the next day. But the next day I was no better than the day before—same old thoughts, same old actions.

"When I finished college and obtained my first job, I had more personalities to cope with each day. Now I was meeting the world in dead earnest—no doubt about that. In school and college my classmates and I had similar interests of study and social activities, so life was more or less peaceful. With

a job in an office in a big city and on my own, it was a different setup. The boss was sharp in his orders; my fellow workers were cold and unco-operative—or so I thought. Anyway, I had a bad first week and if I could have afforded it I would have thrown in the sponge.

"I was on my way home to a small town a hundred miles distant for a three-day holiday. I just missed my bus and had to wait two hours for another. I sat disconsolately on a bench and made no effort to conceal my displeasure with everything in general. A woman who was sitting across from me looked up from her reading and smiled pleasantly. I didn't smile back, so she continued reading a small magazine she had. When her bus was called she came over to me and said, 'I have finished reading this. Perhaps it will help pass the time until your bus comes.' There was nothing for me to do but accept the magazine and thank her. She then went to the gate and I held the little magazine in my hand.

"That was the simplest and most far-reaching thing that could happen to me. I opened the magazine and looked at the table of contents, never dreaming that God was working in His mysterious way to help one of His children. At random I turned to one of the articles and read it. It stressed two points very forcibly—at least they were forcible to me. One was that each person is given the greatest of all gifts, the gift of life. The other was that each of us is given the present moment. Each of us has exactly the same opportunity to use the present moment as he wishes: either in constructive thinking

and action, or in destructive thinking and action.

"The article explained that if we follow the leading of the Christ Spirit within us, we shall always use the present moment for constructive thinking and action, never the opposite. Only the present moment is given to us, for in sixty seconds the moment becomes a memory, either a happy one or an unhappy one. It is entirely up to each individual which memory he chooses to have. Isn't that the most wonderful privilege given to us: to be able to choose our memories by our own thinking and actions?"

Deeply interested in Ann's story and recalling how in my own experience I had also read an article in a little Truth magazine that changed my whole way of thinking and acting, I said.

"Certainly it is a wonderful privilege, a privilege given freely to all who will accept it. It is said, 'As he thinketh within himself, so is he! Therefore, to be happy himself and to have happy memories, a person must think of the things that give happiness.

"It all fits in, doesn't it?" she smiled. Then she continued her story. "Well, on the bus I got to thinking: Was the boss sharp, or had I had unkind thoughts toward him? Were my fellow workers unco-operative, or had I been critical of them? Perhaps it was I, and they had sensed that attitude within me and responded in like attitude. Was that the answer to why I had had such unhappy memories as I sat there on the bench feeling so alone? That article convinced me of the absolute certainty of one thing: that whatever one's attitude is toward others, he will receive likewise from them—either

a happy memory or an unhappy one.

"From that hour on I began to understand myself. I began to realize what the Christ Spirit is, and to know it is within me to lead me in my personal life. I was uplifted by the joyful knowledge that came to me there on that crowded bus. I looked about me at the passengers and knew that each one had also been given the greatest gift of all, because God had breathed into them in their first breath of life the Christ Spirit, and made each a son of God. It was a blinding revelation, for I knew we were all of one Spirit. That revelation merged my own being harmoniously with the whole and life became simple for me.

"Of course, I realize the efforts I made in my youth helped, for I was constantly seeking. If I hadn't been seeking the answer, I'd never have found it. As to my own personal belief, I have summed up the answer this way:

"The Christ Spirit was given to me with my first breath of life by my Father. This is the greatest gift of all His good gifts. For a time I was molded by environment, but in a few years I felt my own individuality. I knew that I was my own being, apart from every other individual so that I might follow a way of life that I must find for myself.

"As a child I was told that Jesus was the Son of God and that He had the Christ Spirit within Him. Later, I read in the Bible that Jesus teaches that each of us is a son of God. With this Truth then each of us must necessarily have the Christ Spirit. The answer was to accept this Spirit and be led by it to choose the good thought and the good action

at each present moment. The past is memory, the future unknown, but the present is mine.

"How am I going to use my life, God's greatest gift to me? I made my decision that day as I was going home on the bus. I would use my life in service to Him by being of service to His children. He is my Father and all persons are my brothers through the Christ Spirit within them. The present moment is my field of action. I choose the good thought and the good action as the Christ Spirit leads. I have happy memories, hope for the morrow, and faith in the future. The Christ Spirit gives me the understanding to do the loving thing now. Jesus said, 'My yoke is easy, and my burden light,' and in trying to follow His teachings I have found this so in my own experience. All barriers between humanity are dissolved by the Christ Spirit's magic of love. That is the answer as I have found it."

I smiled. "And that was the magic you used in that tough territory you volunteered to solicit?"

"Yes," she replied. "But, of course, I knew that it was not a tough territory, only a misunderstood one. At each door I silently affirmed, *'The Christ Spirit in me greets the Christ Spirit in you.'* As I had expected, my attitude was immediately sensed and harmoniously accepted. I was invited into each home and treated with courtesy. I didn't solicit. I only stated the project and said it was a good thing for the community. I said I was not asking for donations. Only if they felt it was a worthy cause and wanted to contribute did I want them to. All wanted to hear the details of the project. When I explained it to them they were glad to contribute generously

of their own accord. I was asked by several of those hard working women to share a cup of tea with them. I did, and enjoyed the little personal visits fully. Today I have a wonderful memory of those moments and count the people of that territory my friends."

"Because you told the chairman that day that all people are alike within, no matter what territory they happen to live in?" I asked.

"Yes. We are all the children of God no matter where we live. Isn't that your belief?"

"It is what Jesus taught, and without a single doubt I believe it," I answered truthfully.

## A Meditation

I praise God for all the bountiful riches of this rich, beautiful world.

I praise God for abundance of pure love, which is the substance of all true riches.

I praise God for full supply for every need of every individual life.

I praise God for the power to love, the wondrous power of pure love which awakens to newness of life all the faculties and talents, all the rich desires and aspirations of the soul, and brings into actual expression the bountiful good of God.

I praise God that my individual good is the good of every one; as I find and use God's rich, abundant love, I can do more, be more, love more, and give more, and so the whole world is enriched by my practice of the pure Truth of being.—GOOD WILL

# Treasure in Earthen Vessels

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PAUL, SPEAKING to the church at Corinth, said, "We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves."

This "treasure" is none other than the Spirit of Christ, which God has given to each of us. It is the spark of divinity that contains all the potentials of the kingdom of heaven. We never imagine sickness, poverty, or any other inharmonious condition in the kingdom of heaven; but do we realize the greatness of the possibilities that lie within us because of this indwelling "treasure"?

Jesus said, "Neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, There! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you."

Since the kingdom of God is within us, we can believe that it is not a place in outer space, but that it is in the consciousness of each individual as a state of mind.

Jesus' teaching was based entirely on ideas—ideas of the attributes of God that we are to cultivate and use. He taught that our using these ideas and building them into our lives will bring the kingdom of God into manifestation in our environment.

"Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

What greater treasure can be given by a loving Father?

Since God is infinite, it is impossible to name all the ideas contained in this "treasure" God has given us.

Understanding of spiritual ideas comes by growth in consciousness. This spiritual growth can come about only by the same care one would give the seed planted in a garden. Ideas must be nourished by attention—by thinking about them, by shedding upon them thanksgiving for present blessings. Without this loving care the "treasure" lies dormant, as has been the case with many treasures. You who read these words have felt at least a touch of the greatness of God's ideas.

Basic are the "treasures" of life and mind. How can one separate life and mind and say which is the greater? Mind without life would be static, completely non-productive. Life without mind would be chaotic. God gives us both: His life to give us the ability to act and His mind to control the action. Hidden within our minds are all the attributes of God. The Christ Spirit, our "treasure," gives us these attributes and the ability to develop them.

The fact that we are here—living, breathing, and thinking—is perfect testimony that we are expressing God to some degree, and until we are awakened it is done with little conscious knowledge.

Spirit, capable of infinite variety, gives to each of us his individual gifts, and there is no purpose in our existence other than to express these gifts. Our failure to do this brings the appearance of trouble—illness, lack, or disease.

Like John the Baptist, let us say, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

The personal self must give way to the Christ self before we can overcome our limitations and understand "that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves."

God does not divide Himself. He is omnipresent, complete in each one of us. But we express His attributes and consciously use His gifts only to the extent that we comprehend our ability to do so. Through this "treasure" within us we have the possibility of perfect expression. This is made plain in John 1:16, "Of his fulness we all received, and grace for grace."

Next to the gifts of life and mind comes the treasure of love. When the Sadducees were questioning Jesus, one of their scribes asked Him, "What commandment is the first of all?"

Jesus answered: "The first is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God, the Lord is one: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. The second is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

Paul said, "Love . . . is the fulfilment of the law," and "Let all that ye do be done in love."

The belief in the love of God lying latent in our hearts is not enough. True love is not static. It is more than a belief or an idea. Only by giving love can we receive love.

It is essential that we understand the true meaning of love. True love is selfless, never possessive. It is concerned only with giving—never with getting. It is the greatest power in the universe. Love wins,

whereas force breeds a need for more force.

However, love needs to be guided by spiritual understanding. Love that is controlled by the emotions can be unwise. This is why we need to use the gift of wisdom; for wisdom is knowledge guided by love and good judgment.

God spoke to Solomon in the night, saying, "Ask what I shall give thee,"

Solomon answered: "Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?"

Perhaps Solomon chose more wisely than he knew. He asked for wisdom and knowledge in order to serve his people better, and God gave him "riches, and wealth, and honor" as well. Jesus promised that good will come to us when we put God first in all our affairs.

Spiritual growth has to be undertaken in faith, which is a feeling for Truth and a "conviction" within ourselves of things we cannot see. We cannot put our hands out and touch this treasure at any point; but when we put our faith in it, in due time we see its manifestation in our lives. We can be greatly helped in our overcoming by the gift of imagination and by using it to vision the good only.

What we think on deeply and really believe in is quite likely to be spoken by us, because the tongue speaks what we have in our minds and hearts. The Bible tells us that "Death and life are in the power of the tongue," and that "as he [man] thinketh within himself, so is he."

The Bible also says, "The tongue of the wise is

health." Then why should anyone concentrate his thought and feeling upon sickness, poverty, or any other undesirable thing when by thinking right thoughts and following them by right action he can bring good into his life? That puts it squarely up to us, doesn't it?

As we begin to realize that our lives are one with the universal life of God and that "we have the mind of Christ," we have taken the first step toward spiritual understanding. To follow this step with the practice of love, wisdom, faith, and imagination will bring more light. We shall see that in order to make these new ideas understandable and useful, we must bring them consciously into our daily lives in order that they become something vital to us and not ideas that are too great to be comprehended. We shall consider them first in terms of our own experience. We shall grow into greater understanding and learn to cherish these ideas as the "treasure" they really are. Jesus died to the material in order that the spiritual might be manifested in perfection. And our endeavor shall be to die to the mistakes of yesterday in order that we may be stronger and more Christ-like today.

Whatever we do, unquestionably the choice is ours. We can accept the treasure and let it find beautiful expression through us, or we can accept false appearances as reality and put our faith in lack, illness, and trouble. Perhaps we have not realized that if we believe negation has power over us, we are putting our faith in negation. It is not possible to have faith in God and in evil at the same time.

Since God is omnipresent, this treasure of the

Christ Spirit is available to us at all times and is shaped according to our direction. Call it substance, call it mind stuff, call it faith or what you will, we cannot evade the truth that the outer manifestation is dependent on the way we think—dependent on what we really believe. The results will be manifested in accordance with the basic idea that forms our inner conviction. To "walk by faith, not by sight" means to be led by what we know to be true and not by appearances.

By meditation and by practice we must learn to think of all our needs as spiritual and to realize that a visible form is but the crystallization of a thought. This is nothing new to our experience, for we have always used this idea even though unconsciously. The success of anything we have ever done has depended on the amount of constructive thought we have given it.

Let us always remember that this "treasure in earthen vessels" which operates in us as creative power is our great gift from God. When we give loving thanks and praise not only daily but many times a day, we open channels that flow to us and through us from God, bringing blessings into our lives that we have never dreamed of, for:

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (A.V.).

*He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit, than he that taketh a city.*—PROVERBS

# "Peace"

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.*

HERE IS A blessed message, a message of real comfort and strength; not an empty platitude but a statement backed by the power of the living Christ. Thousands have already found the way of peace, and countless others will find it when they behold the Truth that shines out fairer than the brightest light of the heavens.

Today, as during the earth life of the Master, people are prone to accept outer circumstances and conditions, even if they are not to their liking, as the final stroke of fate that they cannot escape. Lesson after lesson from the pages of Scripture reveals that man can master his environment and the way is taught for doing it. Yet a certain naïve conception prevails that the will of God means turmoil, strife, punishment, insecurity, unhappiness, and instability, which dominate the lives of His children here and are to be compensated for in the next life by a static "over-the-rainbow" heaven. Man must learn to stretch himself, to awaken from his sleepy, non-thinking attitude toward spiritual values, if he ever intends to rise above present conditions and become a free son of the Most High. Thoughts create, and the chains now on your wrists were not put there by the Infinite. You shackled yourself by your mental consent to the world in which you live.

In the face of what the world calls international upheaval can there be such a thing as peace? Is peace a fact or a farce? You be the judge as the case is presented.

Jesus did not promise to give peace as the world gives. He knew that philosophies of life cannot be subdued by guns and swords. Therefore He taught that the only permanent way to peace is through the right direction of the thoughts that precede men's acts. If the thought is right, then the deed will be right. Atomic bombs can only subdue bodies; they cannot subdue thoughts. Therefore the search for strength and peace through armed might is like the proverbial search for the needle in the haystack. The pages of history are replete with bloody wars that were fought to bring about peace. They should go on to tell us that after each war men continued to propagate certain detrimental philosophies that were not even "fazed" by the physical conflict and fighting. After all a philosophy is a mode of thought training resulting in action.

The worth of any philosophy is determined by the kind of men it produces. Look about you and see if there are not different philosophies represented in your own city or neighborhood. What philosophy prompts the man that lords it over others and thinks of himself as vastly superior to his associates? We fought a war supposedly to end the domination of this philosophy in Europe and the East, yet you can see it in your own locality. You can also see other philosophies at work prompting men to lie, steal, and cheat. Why should this be? Simply because peace must begin with individuals and per-

meate nations and the world. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." The Christ peace is different and it produces men and women that are decidedly different from the ones enumerated. Once you grasp the Christ philosophy you make peace with yourself; then making peace with others is relatively simple. Ask any believer in the Sermon on the Mount and he will tell you by his life that peace is a fact.

Turning back to a certain scene in Jesus' ministry, we can find a wonderful illustration of how peace is attained. Notice however that the centering of thoughts had to be definitely accomplished before peace came. A violent storm on the Sea of Galilee, a boat, Jesus, and the apostles form the background of a powerful demonstration.

It was after a day of teaching that the Master decided to cross the blue waters of Galilee. He evidently wanted rest, as it was not long after the boat had left the shore that He fell asleep in the stern. Presently a great tempest arose that sent enormous waves dashing against the small vessel. The apostles became very frightened, having focused their thoughts on the storm and what it was doing. Suddenly it came to them that the Master was asleep in the same vessel that they believed to be sinking. Note the deep consternation in the cry of "Carest thou not that we perish?" Perish in a boat where the Master was riding? Nevertheless they thought that the end had come, but when He arose things became quite different. "Peace, be still." Calmness and serenity followed, with a question from Him concerning their mental anxiety and lack of faith.

Now is there anything in that account that re-

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minds you of our day and age—still more to the point, of yourself or your friends? The lesson is plain and needs little analyzing to get the meaning.

Here we are in a so-called enlightened age, beset by fears on every hand produced by the false reports our five senses cook up for our consumption. To be wise is to know the latest negative trends in business, politics, education, international relationships, science, and the like. Popularity comes to the person who can give the choicest bit of gossip about some neighbor or national figure. Sickness is discussed in much the same way as the latest fashion in clothes; and if you say you are healthy, just consider yourself outdated. You just are not in the game. Calamity mongers are rampant, seeking to devour every person that has even partial peace of mind. What do you expect from a tempest created by negative thinkers and blowing over the sea of daily living?

Let us reason together for just a moment and then draw our own conclusions about the whole matter.

If you have been listening to the latest news and picturing the worst results possible, talking negatively with all your friends, discussing disease, reading discouraging articles and literature, then your state can be predicted with accuracy. The adverse waters are filling the boat on which you are depending for a safe passage to serenity and peace. Your cry, no doubt, is the same as that of the apostles. Had their attention been focused on the Master, fear would not have filled their hearts; for men react directly in terms of the person or thing that their minds are stayed on—if on negative condition, fear

and anxiety are the result; if on the Lord, peace and calm naturally follow. The choice is ours!

When outer conditions assail us, it is because too much of our attention has been focused on them. The only power they have is the power that we willingly give through our disturbed thought processes (tempest). They can become mountain high, for the more we concentrate on them the larger they grow (fill the boat). So frightening do they seem to be that we cry out in agony. "Save, we perish!" In that cry the knowledge of the One is awakened (Christ). He can help us. He speaks to our troubled hearts (minds) and order is restored. Why? Because our thoughts are centered on Christ and His ability to bring peace under any conditions. It is by centralizing our thoughts on the Master that we are reminded that no condition, not even death, overcame Him in the body; and we are reassured that Christ within us, likewise, cannot be overcome.

The Christ does give us peace that is lasting, but we must become still to know how it operates. The person who spends at least a few minutes each day in the silence with God cannot be conquered, for in that silence a philosophy will be imparted to him that can never be gainsaid.

When God speaks peace follows! Not what the world calls peace, a mere cessation of hostilities between nations, but a peace that passes all human understanding.

"Be still [have peace], and know that I am God." In daily meditation and silence God speaks to the hearts (minds) of men. Those hearts (minds) in turn become filled with divine ideas. Put into prac-

tice through deeds, the ideas establish right relationships between man and man and nation and nation.

Yes, Christ peace is different! It begins with the cause and works toward the effect. It begins within and works toward the without. Therefore, when a man gets his thought pattern straight, everything else will fall in line with his thinking. As thoughts of worry, fear, greed, hate, and malice are supplanted by thoughts of love, peace, and good will, wars will cease, for man will have found peace within.

Regardless of your present condition, a faithful centering of your heart on the Christ in you will bring amazing results. "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful."—*William Marcus Runnebaum*

## God the Inexhaustible Resource

A group of friends at a winter resort were enjoying the glory of the full moon as it shed its radiance through stately palm trees. One of the group said: "If all the world were enjoying this beauty, that fact would not detract one particle from the brilliancy of the moon. So it is with God: If all the world drew on Him for peace, help, strength, and harmony in their lives, they would not diminish by one iota God's boundless and all-sufficient supply."—*S. J. Milliken*

# Sunday LESSONS

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## *Lesson 10, September 2, 1956*

UNITY SUBJECT—*Oneness with Universal Life.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Democracy in Christian Fellowship.*—James 2:1-13.

1. My brethren, hold not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with respect of persons.
2. For if there come into your synagogue a man with a gold ring, in fine clothing, and there come in also a poor man in vile clothing;
3. And ye have regard to him that weareth the fine clothing, and say, Sit thou here in a good place; and ye say to the poor man, Stand thou there, or sit under my footstool;
4. Do ye not make distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?
5. Hearken, my beloved brethren; did not God choose them that are poor as to the world *to be* rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he promised to them that love him?
6. But ye have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you, and themselves drag you before the judgment-seats?
7. Do not they blaspheme the honorable name by which ye are called?
8. Howbeit if ye fulfil the royal law, according to the

scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well:

9. But if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin, being convicted by the law as transgressors.

10. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point,* he is become guilty of all.

11. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou dost not commit adultery, but killest, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12. So speak ye, and so do, as men that are to be judged by a law of liberty.

13. For judgment *is* without mercy to him that hath showed no mercy: mercy glorieth against judgment.

GOLDEN TEXT—*My brethren, hold not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ,* the Lord *of glory, with respect of persons.*—James 2:1.

SILENT PRAYER—*As I express love in my dealings with others, I learn the way of the Christ and realize that I am one with God.*

The old commandment that we love God with whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves still holds. Its validity can never be questioned, for that it is the way of life is obvious to every unprejudiced person. The new commandment is a new interpretation of the old to meet the thought of a new age. The love of God for us is the love that we must feel if we are to realize oneness with the universal life. The love that we feel for others in our hearts, is the love that makes us one with all men in the bond of brotherhood.

We are beginning to understand, dimly perhaps but unmistakably, that each man's part in making

life an expression of the divine will is to refrain from all condemnation of others and to love them instead. Nothing is so disarming as love, and at the same time nothing is so provocative of the effort to excel in the working out of perfection. Whoever loves us puts us under an obligation to be our best, to put our best foot forward when with him. We cannot allow anyone who loves us and who sees the ideal in us to be disillusioned by seeing us as less than he takes us to be. We must live up to his vision of us.

The first verse of our lesson enjoins us not to hold "the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with respect of persons." Surely in this matter a Christian should follow the example of the One who he professes to acknowledge as Lord. One of the most striking aspects of Christ's whole career was His utter lack of partiality in dealing with human beings. He who could have come into the world in any way He chose, came into a poor family and was known to all as a friend of the poor.

We recall that He taught both the high and the low; poor fishermen, disciplined soldiers, proud priests, tax collectors. Even a ruler of the Jews, Nicodemus, came to Him by night, perhaps not desirous of being seen conversing with the lowly Nazarene. We know too that Jesus is a teacher of the ways of God and an imparter of the wisdom of God. We also know that if we sit humbly at His feet, accept His infinitely wise instruction, and live according to that instruction, we shall profit immeasurably both in body and in spirit. We shall improve in health and in energy, in knowledge, in un-

derstanding, and in wisdom, and become happy and helpful Christians.

Furthermore, we know that the world, God's world, will be better for our being receptive pupils of the master teacher, for we shall learn how to apply constructively to life all the knowledge of mathematics and history and geography that we acquired in the secular schools.

Secular education teaches us those things that have to do with our present earthly existence, which is but a phase of the eternal life that is ours. But Jesus' teachings instruct us how to use best our knowledge of secular things so that they will move the world peacefully along the way of eternal life.

Hate befogs the vision, impairing it until it can form no true image of the object on which it is fixed. To understand another person is impossible when hate intervenes, for it obscures the better side of human nature, which in the sight of God is the true side. Love is creative, for even where there is no obvious perfection it creates an aura of perfection, inspiring the loved one to respond in kind as he breathes the free air of confidence and trust instead of the breath of suspicion and dislike.

Sometimes persons have a tendency to get mushy and sentimental when they talk about love. But there is nothing soft, weak, or gushing about it. To love our enemies does not mean to find them pleasant and agreeable to be with. It does mean to wish them well, to rejoice in their success, to help them in any way we can, to desire for them the happiness, contentment, prosperity, and self-respect that we want for ourselves. We can refuse to wish them

evil or to seek revenge for wrongs they do. This genuine good will is the essence of real love.

To fulfill the law of love will require discipline, careful attention to our attitudes, a curb on some of our impulses. Christian love is not an easy thing. You do not "fall" into it. It is proof of our divine sonship.

The putting aside of criticism and condemnation of others and the holding of kindly thoughts instead deepens and broadens our sympathies, putting us in harmony with the Spirit of the Christ.

Love gains nothing through lip service but everything through real, disinterested service. Its best expression is action; its next best is prayer and forethought for the beloved. Divine Mind outlines the path to God through the heart of mankind.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the new commandment, as contrasted with the old?
2. How may we make our lives an expression of the divine will?
3. What was one of the most striking aspects of Christ's career?
4. What is meant by the expression, "to love our enemies"?
5. How is the path to God outlined?

*Lesson 11, September 9, 1956*

UNITY SUBJECT—*Self-Dominion.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*The Source of Human Conflicts.*—James 3:4, 5; 4:1-12.

4. Behold, the ships also, though they are so great

and are driven by rough winds, are yet turned about by a very small rudder, whither the impulse of the steersman willeth.

5. So the tongue also is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how much wood is kindled by how small a fire!

1. Whence *come* wars and whence *come* fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your pleasures that war in your members?

2. Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and covet, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war; ye have not, because ye ask not.

3. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may spend *it* in your pleasures.

4. Ye adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore would be a friend of the world maketh himself an enemy of God.

5. Or think ye that the scripture speaketh in vain? Doth the spirit which he made to dwell in us long unto envying?

6. But he giveth more grace. Wherefore *the scripture* saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.

7. Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye doubleminded.

9. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

10. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall exalt you.

11. Speak not one against another, brethren. He that speaketh against a brother, or judgeth his brother, speaketh against the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judgest the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

12. One *only* is the lawgiver and judge, *even* he who

is able to save and to destroy: but who art thou that judgest thy neighbor?

GOLDEN TEXT—*Follow after peace with all men.* —Heb. 12:14.

SILENT PRAYER—*Before I speak let me take thought for Truth, for love and kindness, that my words may express these things.*

It is not given to everyone to teach others except by the power of example, a form of teaching that none but the recluse escapes. Everyone must learn to control his life by harmonizing his will with the divine will, exercising dominion first over himself and next, through the power that this victory develops, over his environment and circumstances until these are transformed in accordance with his hopes, desires, and endeavors. Mental and moral training consists largely of self-discipline. The poise that results from thorough command of one's thoughts and words is one of the first marks of the cultured person.

The child whose education is beginning is given only one item at a time to master. The adult who aspires to self-dominion likewise will do well to undertake one thing at a time and not all aspects of dominion simultaneously. "In many things we all stumble," but by concentrating on one thing at a time we may hope for success. The first lesson in self-dominion is control of the tongue. This would seem to be the most difficult of all, but since self-dominion is bound up with our social status our primary need is to control our communication with others.

To control our words we must control our thoughts. To this end the habit of forethought is essential, and to forethought a consciousness of our overruling ideal is indispensable. To be conscious of the thought of God with us is to solve the problem of forethought easily and fully. Where consciousness of God has not been developed, the control of the tongue is a difficult matter. "The tongue can no man tame"; no man who is ruled altogether by the sense self.

As a bridle is a very small curb for a horse and a rudder a tiny part of the ship that it directs in its course, so the tongue is a comparatively small part of the body and mind of a human being. Back of it however are the mighty faculty of will and the instinctive power of desire. With these two forces the tongue, lacking other spiritual support, is helpless to cope. To lift will and desire from the realm of sense to that of Spirit is the only sure means of controlling the tongue.

The tongue is likened to a fire, a spark of which may start a devastating conflagration and set off destructive explosions. To prevent the striking of such a spark in the inner realm the law of love may be invoked, and the law of enlightenment may give substantial aid. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." Also "the tongue of the wise is health." Love tames the tongue effectively, and wisdom trains us to take forethought and to speak the right word in due season.

That our words can bring us health or disease is an old thought but one that we have not always made our own and proved. We can prove it by al-

ways speaking constructively, thinking of ourselves as in good health, and by living rationally and normally. James says that he who controls his words is a perfect man. Perfection is worth all it costs in practice and perseverance, and a full measure of these is required.

Those who speak truth to friends or loved ones and falsehood to those whom they dislike are polluting the source of self-dominion, as are those who make use of words of love and kindness to others but who think and speak of themselves as sick or discouraged or powerless to perform their duties. We cannot be double-minded and expect success in our undertakings. Humility makes one content to learn concentration and consecration to one goal, one task. Control of our thoughts and words is a task sufficient to engage our full powers. Love in the heart and the habit of faith and hope in the daily outlook on life bring forethought within our reach and make victory attainable.

QUESTIONS

1. How is dominion over the self gained?
2. Why is the control of our words so important?
3. How can we control our thoughts?
4. What powerful forces ordinarily control the tongue?
5. How are these forces rendered harmless?
6. Is single-mindedness a factor in our success?

*Lesson 12, September 16, 1956*

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Kingdom of Man.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Christ Speaks to His Churches.*—Rev. 1:9-11, 17, 18; 3:14-22.

9. I John, your brother and partaker with you in the tribulation and kingdom and patience *which are* in Jesus, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

10. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet

11. Saying, What thou seest, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches: unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamum, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadephia, and unto Laodicea.

17. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as one dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying, Fear not; I am the first and the last,

18. And the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

14. And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God:

15. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16. So because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth.

17. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art the wretched one and miserable and poor and blind and naked:

18. I counsel thee to buy of me gold refined by fire, that thou mayest become rich; and white garments, that thou mayest clothe thyself, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness be not made manifest; and eyesalve to anoint thine eyes, that thou mayest see.

19. As many as I love, I reprove and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20. Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21. He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down

with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne.

22. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*—Rev. 3:20.

SILENT PRAYER—*In the Christ Spirit I realize the kingdom of the I AM within me established in love and peace.*

Spiritual vision is possible only to those who attain an exalted state of mind and heart through meditation and prayer. Such vision may be vividly clear to the seer, but he is seldom able to impart to others what he sees, for the reason that spiritual things transcend the present limits of human speech. John's vision on Patmos is of this kind. He undertakes to describe a transcendent experience in relative terms; to make objective what was primarily subjective. What he saw while in the Spirit was "one like unto a son of man" or, according to Moffatt's version, *"One who resembled a human being,"* glorified beyond the power of all but spiritual consciousness to recognize as man; a symbol of divinity.

The redeemed body of the man Jesus is made manifest only to those who develop in themselves an aggregation of spiritual ideas. This aggregation of ideas includes desire, substance, intelligence, zeal, joy, love, and judgment. When we incorporate these ideas in consciousness and express them, we begin to realize our I AM dominion. Through the right

use of the I AM the Christ Spirit makes of man a kingdom in which spiritual power rules.

Human consciousness may be likened to a church the purpose of which is to elevate and enlarge man's life by revealing to him the existence of a realm higher than the physical in which he exists externally. The church trains him to live "unto . . . God" through prayer, meditation, intuition, and other intangible but nonetheless real agencies of expression. "Behold, he cometh with the clouds": from the formless into the formed, from the invisible into the visible, from the higher into the lower, by a divine process of condensation (concentration) of thought into the precipitation of understanding and action.

To hear behind us "a great voice, as of a trumpet," when we are in the Spirit is nothing strange or mysterious. The voice behind us is the voice of history and individual experience trumpeting its combined message, that we may heed the lessons already set us and from them learn what is to be. Until men change the mind of the flesh for the Mind of Christ, "that which hath been is that which shall be," and the man of understanding can always prophesy effect from cause.

The history of the race is written in the book of life. Individual experience is written in the body, the affairs, the consciousness, and the character of each individual man and woman.

Out of the light of spiritualized desire, transformed substance, quickened intelligence, zeal, joy, love, and judgment a new man emerges radiant with eternal life, his face transfigured by divine under-

standing until it surpasses the objective brightness of the sun. At the feet of this transcendent being the man of sense falls "as one dead." Sense consciousness cannot endure the nearness of or completeness of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit recalls man to himself by calming his fears. In the Mind of Christ there is nothing to fear. Jesus had been in sense consciousness and had passed through all the stages of soul unfoldment, and He held the keys to the various mental states represented by death and hell. Having learned their nothingness, He declared Himself "the Living one . . . alive for evermore." Instead of contemplating the sufferings and death of Jesus, we should consider the power of the endless life He revealed to us through His mastery of the Christ principle. As He overcame so can we. His life can be called forth in us. "In Christ shall all be made alive."

The apostle John represents love. The light that John saw wherever he looked (the seven golden candlesticks, the stars in the right hand of the Christ, the eyes like a flame of fire, the hair as white as snow) was the light of divine love irradiating all his thoughts and turning them into expressions of Truth and beauty.

QUESTIONS

1. To whom is spiritual vision possible?
2. What do the seven churches mentioned in the text of this lesson represent?
3. What is the great voice as of a trumpet that is heard behind us, and why does it speak to us of the future?
4. Why did Jesus say, in John's vision, "I have the keys of death and of Hades"?

UNITY SUBJECT—*Redemption through Christ.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*A Vision of the Church Victorious.*—Rev. 7:9-17.

9. After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands;

10. And they cry with a great voice, saying,
Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the throne,
and unto the Lamb.

11. And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12. Saying,
Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might,
*be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These that are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and whence came they?

14. And I say unto him, My Lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they that come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15. Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them.

16. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat:

17. For the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

GOLDEN TEXT—*The kingdom of the world is become* the kingdom *of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign for ever and ever.*—Rev. 11:15.

SILENT PRAYER—*In the consciousness of the Christ I claim all power, the power to endure and the power to overcome in equal measure.*

In the experience of John as set forth in Revelation he was shown a vision of the great pageant of redemption, illustrating the universal scope of the saving power of Truth. Redemption is the plan and process whereby God lifts man out of mortal consciousness into spiritual consciousness. In the scene of today's lesson, all nations, kindreds, people, and tongues, and the four great beasts, are depicted as worshiping God and singing: "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever." This incident indicates the fulfillment of the prophecy, "Every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess to God."

A sense of triumph comes with the consciousness of complete victory. We can sing "salvation unto our God" only when all the faculties and forces of our beings are redeemed to the Christ standard. In John 18:8, 9, we have the words of Jesus: "Let these go their way: that the word might be fulfilled which he spake, Of those whom thou hast given me I lost not one." This statement is clearly Jesus's plea for the opportunity to complete His demonstration through a redemption of all that pertained to His being and His mission.

Jesus' action in driving the money-changers out

of the temple is often cited as an excuse for violent action on the part of His followers today. But can we not all see in the foregoing declaration that He realized that His mission was fulfilled not by driving these men out of the Temple, but by eventually reclaiming them to service in the Temple? This purpose of His is again expressed in Matthew 9:13: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." His entire mission was one of redeeming, rather than of destroying and eliminating.

This conception of His ministry shows us the best method of approaching the many problems in our own lives. If we take them up with the idea of redeeming all the forces expressing therein and causing them to serve in the fulfillment of our highest desires, ultimate victory is ahead of us, and none of what has been given to us will be lost.

This same principle applies to our dealing with things, people, and organizations outside of ourselves. Often when things or persons appear not to harmonize with our ideals, we systematically set to work to eliminate them. This is not the Christ way. Could any other realization surpass the joy of knowing that in meeting a situation every individual or element concerned has been won over into support of the highest aspect presented?

In this lesson the four great beasts were before the throne, worshiping God. (In the Authorized Version they are called "beasts" and in the American Standard Version, "living creatures.") So the four great beasts within our consciousness—doubt, selfishness, lust, and jealousy—must be redeemed and brought into obedience to the Spirit of God in us.

Through this process the Christ consciousness in the individual receives great support, and its light increases until there is no phase of life that will not be clearly understood. There will then be no need of the former intellectual standards, (the standards of man, measured according to the judgments of the senses) symbolized by the sun, moon, and stars; the Christ consciousness will become the light guiding all our activities, for it is the "*light* which lighteth every man, coming into the world."

QUESTIONS

1. What does John's vision as set forth in Revelation symbolize?
2. What is redemption?
3. How does man come into a consciousness of triumph over conditions?
4. What is the best method of approaching every situation in life?
5. What are the four great "beasts" in consciousness? How are they to be dealt with?

*Lesson 14, September 30, 1956*

UNITY SUBJECT—*Divine Possibilities of the Present Time.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*The Great Invitation.* —Rev. 22:1-5, 8, 9, 16-21.

1. And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb,

2. In the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve *manner of* fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3. And there shall be no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall serve him;

4. And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* on their foreheads.

5. And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

8. And I John am he that heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel that showed me these things.

9. And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren the prophets, and with them that keep the words of this book: worship God.

16. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright, the morning star.

17. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely.

18. I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto them, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this book:

19. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, which are written in this book.

20. He who testifieth these things saith, Yea: I come quickly. Amen: come, Lord Jesus.

21. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with the saints. Amen.

GOLDEN TEXT—*The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And*

*he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely.*—Rev. 22:17.

SILENT PRAYER—*I follow the way of the Christ in order that I may know the Truth and live by it.*

The time is ripe for a new effort to live the Christ life, to prove the practical workability of the Christ ideal. "The time is fulfilled." We do not have to wait for a more propitious season. The need determines the opportunity, and the need was never greater than at present. Beginning with ourselves in the quiet of the mind and in the heart's inner chamber, we can develop Christlike thinking and feeling. These we can express in our daily living. Our influence and example from such living will affect our next-door neighbor, and the campaign will be on. The better nature of others will react to the stimuli we give them.

John represents the intellect, and when it has proclaimed the advent of a new state of consciousness and has done what it can to prepare the way for the coming of the new, it fulfills its period of usefulness. The Christ ideal is seen first as an attracting power, drawing to itself the forces that before were subject to the intellect. Bereft thus of its powers, the intellect seems bound and imprisoned. Nations in pursuance of self-chosen policies may follow a course that apparently leaves intellectual reasoning and understanding out of their reckoning altogether. But nations that walk in the light of spiritual consciousness will know peace. With the Lamb as their symbol they will no longer need the lion or the bear as signs of national might and unconquerable spirit. Their

purpose will be not to strike fear into the hearts of other nations but to develop a common spirit of helpfulness and co-operation, a forward together movement instead of a clash of opposing interests.

The majority of the kings of the earth have lost their glory with their kingdoms; but everyone, whether king or commoner, who successfully searches out the laws of the kingdom of heaven and applies them qualifies for a place in the spiritual kingdom according to the faithfulness of his application. He who is kind to all, both man and beast, as a matter of principle has a kingdom reserved for him also, for "there is nothing so kingly as kindness."

In order to do good work among people we must keep close to God. Jesus arose before day and went into a desert place to pray and commune with the divine Spirit. He thus filled His mind with power from on high, and the influx enabled Him to give out anew the Truth that He saw and felt. Expression equaled perception, the one being an inevitable reflection of the other. As we follow His plan, harmonizing our thoughts and activities with the divine law, we develop our power of expressing spiritual Truth. When the demands on our time become insistent we are not to yield to personality and thus build up a name for ourselves. After developing and expressing the possibilities of one aspect of life we are to pass on to another. When the apostles said to Jesus, "All are seeking thee," He did not return to these seekers. He went on to "the next towns" to proclaim Truth to those who had not yet heard it. Thus "he went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching

and casting out demons." Multitudes of thoughts swarm through our minds. They all need to be aligned with Truth and to be freed from the warping influence of hate, fear, and superstition. Divine love alone is sufficient to do this cleansing and purifying work.

Courage is required if we are to claim that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us and that our divine mission is to help others to a better understanding of their nature and destiny. Misunderstanding need not deter us from making a beginning; we can never stand fast without wavering until we know within ourselves that we are living according to what we believe.

QUESTIONS

1. How is the time "fulfilled" now?
2. Where is the proper place to begin to prove the Christ?
3. How can the intellect be imprisoned?
4. Does active expression of spiritual Truth bring us close to God?
5. Are seasons of prayer and quiet communion with God essential to good work?

*Prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough* to receive it.—MALACHI

Father, I turn to Thee with a thankful heart. I am grateful that Thou art ever in the midst of me, a loving help in my every need, a generous provider of all good things, a companion and a light in all my ways.

I thank Thee for Thy presence ever with me. It is my anchor and my stay; it is my inspiration and my joy.

I thank Thee for hearing my smallest whisper, for knowing my inmost thoughts. I thank Thee for what I am in Thy sight. I thank Thee for letting Thy light shine through me that I may see my every problem as it should be seen and know the way to its right solution.

I thank Thee for Thy love, which forgives my mistakes and teaches me to understand and forgive the mistakes of other persons.

I thank Thee for the beauty of Thy world. My heart rejoices in every evidence of Thy goodness that I see. Thy Truth is everywhere; Thy love is everywhere; Thy Spirit pervades all persons and all things. I thank Thee, Father.

—*Esther Freshman*

# Silent UNITY

*Through the Spirit of truth within me, I know, see, hear, and speak only Truth.*

The Society of Silent Unity, founded more than fifty years ago, is the healing department of Unity School, ministering without seeing them, to those who need help.

Our purpose is to aid through prayer all persons who, having faith in the power of God, ask for help.

Our temporal needs are met by the freewill offerings of those to whom we minister. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over."

Our Silent Unity group numbers some hundred consecrated workers who are devoting their lives to God's work for humanity. They are proving daily that physical, financial, mental, and spiritual difficulties can be overcome by righteous prayer. Even though everything else may have failed, we shall pray *with* you, for we have faith that "with God all things are possible."

We pray *with* you and also instruct you how to pray to the Father in secret in order that you may help yourself. Silent Unity is praying always, and your co-operation in prayer is of mutual benefit. Do not hesitate to write to us for help because your problem is personal. All correspondence is confidential.

*Address your request to Society of Silent Unity, Lee's Summit, Mo. Cable address: Unity, Lee's Summit, Mo.*

Give your full name and address

*These testimonials come from persons who have been healed by the power of Spirit. Those who wish to gain inspiration from someone whom God has healed may write, in care of the Unity School Editorial Department, to givers of these testimonials. Each letter must be unsealed and give the initials and address of the person to whom it is to be forwarded; also the name and date of the periodicals in which the testimonial appeared.*

## *I Will Come and Heal*

I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT the miracle of healing that occurred recently in my life. Around the first of the year I had severe pains which continued throughout January and February and well into March. Then one evening the pain became almost unbearable, and we telephoned a doctor, who administered a hypodermic. The next day I went to have X rays for possible kidney stones. I had previously had one removed in 1954. X rays showed a stone, and the doctors advised me to have an operation as soon as possible, as the stone would in time injure my kidney.

We called the Unity center and were assured they would pray for me. They sent me their booklet, "You Are Not Alone," which I read thoroughly and took with me to the hospital. The hospital took another X ray which a relative of mine saw, and arrangements were made for me to return to the hospital in a few days for an operation.

Before I went into the hospital, a minister who offered to drive me there said a prayer with me. In

the hospital I kept saying prayers as they readied me for the operation. I asked if there was any other way to have the stone removed—by crushing or dissolving it—and they said that there positively was not, that it was in such a position as to be inaccessible in any other way. So I agreed to the operation, even though I felt fearful. I kept praying for a miracle.

Then the doctor told me he needed one more X ray to find out just how to get at the stone. After this X ray was taken I began to feel as though a great presence was with me. I somehow felt that the condition no longer existed and that the doctor would tell me this.

As I waited, the doctor told me something strange had happened. He checked my previous X rays again, because they couldn't seem to find the stone on the last X ray. It had disappeared "God knows where," said the doctor. Then he told me to dress and go home. I went home and have had no pain since.—*C.H.T., Jr., Connecticut.*

### *He Shall Have Abundance*

GOD BLESS YOU for the splendid work you are doing. One of the most pleasant moments of my day is when I deposit something to your account in my prosperity bank. I do this each morning just before starting the business day . . . when I have a talk with God. I call this little talk my mind conditioner for the day. At the end of it I ask that you be blessed for the work you are doing.

The prosperity bank is a reminder to me to have

my talk. I must confess though that I seldom think about the bank as a source of prosperity, although I am sure that it is, because my business has picked up considerably since using it. Instead, I think of it as a source of ideas. And believe me, my mind is filled with ideas every day. Most of the ideas are spiritual—for which I am very grateful—but material ideas flow freely through my mind all day long. In my business, ideas are about all we have to sell.

Attached is a check. Please fill the enclosed order for books and use the balance as a love offering to help further your wonderful work.—*G.K.M., Texas.*

## *My Help Cometh from Jehovah*

THIS MORNING I STARTED out as usual for work, catching the crosstown bus at my regular stop. I sat on the front seat and a woman sat down beside me. She appeared unusually weary for early morning and she sighed several times.

As is my custom, I pulled out the current issue of UNITY and began to read. The woman beside me touched me and said faintly, "Where did you get that book?" I replied that I subscribed to it. At that she reached into her purse and brought out an old issue of UNITY. She informed me that she had found it on the subway around Christmas time. She had read it so much it was ragged.

She said, "I hope you don't mind my talking to you. I feel like this is a miracle. Ordinarily I don't take this crosstown bus. I usually shuttle over by subway. But this morning I was feeling so bad and

the subways are so crowded, I thought I'd come out for a breath of air."

The woman went on to explain that since she had found that copy of UNITY she had read it daily and it had brought her much comfort. "You see," she said, "I'm Jewish and I didn't know such real comfort existed for one in this modern world."

My fellow passenger looked so forlorn that, almost without thinking, I reached in my purse and gave her a January issue of UNITY: I, who never give anything away without much deliberation and thought.

I felt very badly that the woman got off the bus before I could think to get her name and address. It would have given me pleasure to enter a subscription to UNITY for her. However, I am enclosing one dollar. Will you make someone happy by sending them a subscription to UNITY for a year. Thank you.—*C.C.B., New York.*

## *He Is My Refuge*

WHAT A FLOOD of good has been coming my way! Flowers, candy, fruit, the loan of a book, two luncheons, invitations to two dinners, a slip cover for my davenport—very attractive and very good—and last Friday a canary complete with cage and bird seed. Right now he is singing as if he knows the world is perfect. In fact, he sang almost as soon as the friend brought him, so he must have felt at home.

I give thanks not only for all of these visible manifestations, but also for those which have not

yet been revealed to the eye.

Daily I join you in prayers that others may know more of the unlimited love of God for each of His children.—*F.M.DeL. California.*

I WROTE YOU LAST week for help in renting our house. I am happy to say, we rented it tonight to a wonderful family who seemed so pleased with it.

Please accept this love offering and our thanks for praying with us.—*Mrs. C.D.W., Kansas.*

## *Father, I Thank Thee*

YOU MAY RECALL THAT five or six years ago I wrote you for prayers that in some way I might be able to purchase the home where I am still living today.

I had never given up faith that I would be able to buy this home. Also, I kept repairing it as though it were my own home, even though the owner did not wish to sell. I even have trees growing that I planted six years ago.

Now I want you to know that since last July the property is well on the way to being our property. It's a wonderful thing! I feel that through faith this was all worked out for our good. Thank you again. —*W.L.C., Colorado.*

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO I wrote and asked for your prayers for my husband's new dental laboratory business. Thank you for the affirmation you sent and for your prayers. My husband now has all the work he can handle and we are so grateful for God's abundance. God bless you in your fine work.—*Mrs. E.W.E., California.*

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## The Purpose of Unity

Unity School of Christianity is a religious educational institution teaching the use of the Jesus Christ doctrine in everyday life, and is not a church. However in disseminating the teachings of Unity, based upon the Bible and especially upon the teaching of Jesus Christ, teachers have formed independent organizations for study and worship, and these organizations have evolved into groups called centers, societies, assemblies, and churches. These groups are a part of the Unity fellowship and work in close cooperation with the Unity School of Christianity, but Unity is not a denomination nor a sect. Those who study the Unity teachings and who attend a Unity church are free to keep their affiliation with any church they desire. Unity teachings explain the action of mind, the link between God and man. They explain how mind affects the body, how it brings man into an understanding of God. Accept what, in Unity, appears to you to be Truth, and withhold judgment on the remainder until you understand it.

## *Christian Healing*

By Charles Fillmore

The spiritual healing discoveries of many years make up the contents of the book *Christian Healing*, by Charles Fillmore. "Anyone can do spiritual healing who will use the simple rules of denial and affirmation here set forth," Mr. Fillmore wrote in the preface to this book.

Ideas, he said, are the foundation of all that man desires, and he teaches how to convert divine ideas into bodily health. In *Christian Healing* he gives illuminating explanations of the power of the word; the influence of thought on the body; the working of faith and imagination; the effect of praise; the function of will, understanding, and judgment; and the power of divine love. In a logical and faith-building manner this book presents the steps that lead to the more abundant life.

*Christian Healing* consists of twelve lessons, each of which is followed by affirmations and illuminating passages of Scripture to help you apply its message to your life.

(*Christian Healing* is priced at $1 a copy.)

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# NEWS from UNITY

## *Men of Unity Retreat to Be Held This Month*

If you are planning to attend the Men of Unity Retreat, now is the time to make arrangements to do so, for it is to be held from September 29 to October 2 this year.

All men interested in Unity are cordially invited to attend, and representatives from various men's groups are especially urged to do so. This retreat will be a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship. Recreation will include a golf tournament to be held on Saturday, September 29. A new idea for a service project for men's clubs will be presented during this retreat.

Make your arrangements now to attend the Men of Unity Retreat by writing to the Director, Men of Unity Retreat, in care of Unity School of Christianity at Lee's Summit, Missouri.

## *Coming Next Month in* Unity

What do you think are the ingredients of a full and happy life? Elsie Hawes Smith gives her ideas about the essentials of a happy life in her article, "The Way of Life," in the October issue of UNITY.

"A philosopher tells us that the four essentials of life are work, play, love, and worship," she begins. She then gives her views about the essence of these four ingredients and tells how to combine them wisely. The following is an excerpt from her discussion of love:

"Love in one of its many forms is the basic characteristic of all positive qualities. We do not feel honesty, generosity, kindness, neighborliness, or sympathy unless love is there. Even courage and ambition have their beginning in love, for who would

think the effort worth while if there were none to care, to encourage, to admire, or to benefit from the struggle?

"Love is indeed a many-splendored thing; it is the secret of successful living and the hope of the world."

Be sure to read this article in October UNITY!

## *"The Teacher"*

In the September *Daily Word,* J. Sig Paulson tells us how we can discover our abilities and use the lessons we receive in the "school of life" to find the answers to our problems. He tells us how we can let the teaching spirit of God be our guide.

"There is a teacher," he writes, "who can show us how to understand and use the resources of courage, strength, will, imagination, thought, prayer, wisdom, faith, love, and life that are within the depths of our being. There is a teacher who can show us how to bring into expression the powers within us—a teacher who can show us how to live successfully, how to love deeply, how to give freely, how to forgive completely, how to heal our bodies, how to prosper our affairs, how to establish peace and happiness in our lives. There is a teacher who can reveal the answer to every problem that perplexes us."

If you would like to know how to find this teaching spirit of God, read "The Teacher" in the September *Daily Word.* The prayer, meditation, and Bible verse that this pocket-sized monthly contains for each day give a powerful lesson that can help you solve your daily problems. A year's subscription to *Daily Word* is $1.

## *Your Unity Center Can Serve You*

There are more than 250 Unity centers dedicated to serving Unity friends and students. These centers offer devotional and healing services the year around. Study classes are also taught during many months of the year.

If there is a Unity center in your city, why not go to one of the regular services soon and plan to attend one or more of the study classes that are offered? You will enjoy the fellowship with others who attend these services and classes, meet many new friends, and learn more about Truth.

Consult your telephone directory for the location of your nearest Unity center, or write to Unity headquarters

for this information.

## *About "Unity Viewpoint" . . .*

. . . Here is what Unity friends are saying about the "Unity Viewpoint" radio program:

A minister—"Your viewpoint is the religion of tomorrow. You are rendering a wonderful service to all. I have already asked many people to listen to your radio program daily, and your sermons are a great inspiration to me for my own sermons."

A Bible student—"You teach us how to understand the Bible. Ten weeks of listening to your broadcasts has done more for me than twenty years of churchgoing has done."

A housewife—"I drop everything to have that fifteen minutes of 'Unity Viewpoint.' I cannot tell you how much it has helped me to maintain an inner peace and strength."

The "Unity Viewpoint" is sure to fill some need in your life, whether it be a need for inspiration, guidance, understanding, prosperity, or healing. If your newspaper does not list the time and station of the broadcast in your locality, Unity will be glad to send you this information.

## *From Professing to Possessing*

*Weekly Unity* magazine has helped thousands of its subscribers to realize that Christianity is more than just an exalted theory that some people profess to believe. Jesus' teachings have become a vital, active part of their lives through this magazine, for *Weekly Unity* has shown them how they can apply the seemingly impractical theories of Christianity in their everyday lives. One friend expresses this very well:

"Through *Weekly Unity* many of my questions have been answered. Though I was a professing Christian for many years, I find there is a difference between professing and possessing. God be praised, I now know the difference and feel that many wonderful revelations are in store for me!"

Each week this eight-page magazine brings you a devotional message from Silent Unity, an inspiring column called "Things to Be Remembered," by Lowell Fillmore, and true experience articles. There are testimonials, poems, and a Truth interpretation of the International Sunday School Lesson in each issue. A year's subscription to *Weekly Unity* is just $1.

## *Woman Cab Driver Spreads Unity Literature*

From a woman cab driver to Silent-70: "Thank you so much for your generous gift of Unity literature, leaflets, cards, and the like. All were as drops of water on thirsty ground, and I could use much more of the same 'refreshment.'

"Each word is appropriate for the many situations I encounter daily, and the people I talk to are very grateful. They snatch the messages from me as desperately as if they were clutching at their 'last straw.' I simply have to ration what I have to give—and who am I to decide who needs it most? You need not be afraid that anything you send will go to waste. I never realized how desperately people were seeking for a 'firm foundation.' Keep the literature coming!

"I sincerely try to tell my passengers about Unity and I somehow get the message across—with the help of God, of course. My only regret is that I seldom see the same fare a second time, for I'd like to know whether Unity has meant as much to my passengers as it means to me."

The work of Silent-70 is made possible through the contributions of friends who wish to help others in this way.

## *The Happiest Children*

This month children everywhere are enjoying the fine stories in the September *Wee Wisdom*. These children form the happy group of *Wee Wisdom* readers that is being gently guided to the Christian way of life, for this lively, colorful magazine teaches children how to use Truth principles.

A story for September entitled "The Loveliest Family," and written by Joanne Riordan, tells about a girl who, because her classmates decided to bring their baby pictures to school, discovered that she was an adopted child. She was upset at first but she soon realized that an adopted child can be a very special person.

Another story—"The English Racer," by Doris Litterly, tells how Kenny Miller learns that sharing with friends can be even more fun than owning a new bicycle—a slim, shining English racer. "Little Hector Helicopter," a Read-Aloud Story by Georgia Tucker Smith, is also included. It costs only $2 to give to the children you love the fun and friendship of *Wee Wisdom* for a full year.

# DOCTOR OF CHARACTER

What makes a person great? Doubtless each UNITY reader has a different idea about greatness, but you can probably think of some person who meets nearly everyone's standards of greatness.

One of these persons is Lou Little, football coach at Columbia University. Lou's outstanding record as a coach is only part of his greatness. He is even more famous as a builder of character. If you would like to know more about this really great person, read "Doctor of Character," by Ellsworth Kalas, in the September issue of *Good Business*.

It tells how Lou's friendly concern for each of the young men whose life touches his extends not only to their physical development, but to their attitudes and religious loyalty as well, and this concern does not stop even after they leave his team to go out into the business world. "Is there anything I can do to help?" he often asks in his letters to former players. Besides being always willing to lend a hand, Lou has an optimistic confidence in "his boys" that they all try to "live up to."

This heart-warming story, as well as the many other fine stories and articles found in *Good Business*, will give you a true picture of some of the truly great people in the world. These stories and articles can inspire and help you to attain greatness in your own life also. *Good Business* costs only $1 for a year's subscription.

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## ATTENTION PARENTS

One of the most valuable gifts a parent can impart to his children is a buoyant attitude toward the challenges of life. One way to help your children acquire this attitude is to introduce them to *You*, Unity's magazine for teen-agers.

The uplifting, exuberant spirit of *You* can free young people from the weakening effect of doubts, worries, fears, feelings of inferiority and shyness, and it can lead them to health, happiness, and success.

For example, an article in the September *You*, "Are You Ready for Your Opportunities?" by Fay Wilson, shows teen-agers how to have a happier and more successful school life by getting rid of old negative attitudes, such as dreading school; disliking teachers, homework, and classmates; and being impatient with their families.

*You* entertains constructively with stories about teen-agers in true-to-life situations. Also in the September *You* is the entertaining story by Helen L. Renshaw, "A Very Private Fellow." This story is about an attractive, popular young man who experiences a humiliating "fall from glory."

Each month's *You* magazine brings entertaining and uplifting stories, helpful articles, inspiring poems, and fine feature departments to its readers. It is worth many times more than its low price of $1 a year.

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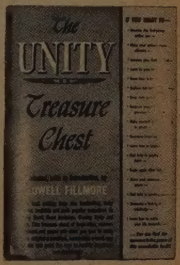
# THE UNITY TREASURE CHEST OF ALL-TIME FAVORITES

"The Unity Treasure Chest" is a suitable name for the new book, for it contains eighty-three selections taken from the best of Unity writings. It is a real spiritual treasure chest of hope, encouragement, and power that provides help in meeting almost every kind of challenge people are facing today.

It was published by Hawthorn Books, Inc., of New York, New York, because they believed there was a need for such a book. From the response this book has received since it was announced early this year, it seems they were right, because it has become immensely popular.

These 363 pages of real help and inspiration contain an introduction by Lowell Fillmore. You will find it convenient to locate just the help you need, in "The Unity Treasure Chest," by referring to the list on the inside covers.

There are special sections that cover such vitally important subjects as paying your debts, finding a job, making yourself more attractive, overcoming insomnia, improving your relations with others, rearing a child in Truth, and being a better parent.




Beautifully bound in blue, "The Unity Treasure Chest" is available at your local bookstore, your Unity center, or from Unity headquarters. It is priced at $4.95 a copy.

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# EVERYTHING TO GAIN

"I have been using the Prosperity Bank for nearly two years," writes a friend. "I am not only being prospered, but I am growing in spiritual grace. I am learning more about God and how to trust Him in all the affairs of my life. The prayers of Silent Unity have helped me to understand more of God's goodness."

Why not try the Bank plan yourself? You will gain a feeling of closeness to God that will bring a new harmony into your affairs. As you follow the daily prayer drill, Silent Unity will pray with you for your prosperity.

This plan gives you an opportunity to introduce your friends to UNITY, for you may use the money you save in your Bank to pay for the gift subscriptions you order on the coupon below.

**Unity School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Mo.**

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Here is my order for three UNITY gift subscriptions and a Bank in which to save the $3 cost of these subscriptions.

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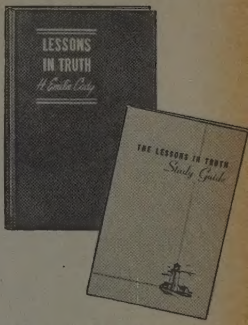
# DURING LESSONS IN TRUTH WEEK . . .




. . . Unity's basic textbook, *Lessons in Truth,* by H. Emilie Cady can guide you to a new, victorious way of life.

You can throw open the doors to a new world of joy, peace, love, beauty, and understanding. You can hasten your journey towards perfection of mind, body, and affairs. Your life can be thrilling and more meaningful—nothing need be impossible!

Every time you expand your Truth consciousness, you are freed from the narrow confines of self-imposed limitations. The messages contained in *Lessons in Truth* are so valuable that each year thousands of Unity friends throughout the world unite in reading or rereading this book for a week. This year Lessons in Truth Week is from September 10 to 16, and you are invited to join this spiritual gathering.

*Lessons in Truth* consists of twelve lessons, together with question helps for each lesson. A special booklet entitled *The Lessons in Truth Study Guide* has been prepared to aid you in your study. *Lessons in Truth* is $1 a copy, and the *Study Guide* is free. Why not order your book and *Study Guide* now, and find the way to a better life during Lessons in Truth Week this year. (If you already have the book, Unity will gladly send the *Study Guide* free on request.)

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# September Journey

*Eleanor Halbrook Zimmerman*

September's carnival, glad and gay,
Is spread abroad in the land today—
The maples ruffle their skirts of gold,
The oaks are in scarlet bright and bold;
And rail-fence high, the goldenrod
Has spread its glory all abroad,
While rank on rank the asters go
Up the hill in a gaudy show,
And all the land is aglow with light
From a sun that is warm and kind and bright.

September's carnival, again this year,
Glitters with color far and near,
And lifting its song in a gentle breeze;
The wind is awake in all the trees,
While crickets sing in the ragged grass,
And a cardinal whistles as I pass,
And all things lift a song of praise
To God, who makes September days
So warm, so full of beauty now
With His own gold on every bough!